Order Number: 06-248

ORDER FIRE RESTRICTIONS GILA NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Gila National Forest and those portions of the Apache National Forest lying within New Mexico administered by the Gila National Forest, in the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Sierra within the state of New Mexico ("the restricted area"). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, except within a developed recreation site, or improved site; 36 CFR § 261.52(a). The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety, is allowed. Persons using Forest Service designated campgrounds and/or picnic areas may have a campfire within a pre-constructed Forest Service fireplace or fire ring. The designated campgrounds and picnic areas where campfires will be allowed are identified on the attached Exhibit B.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material; 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the extreme fire danger from dry conditions.

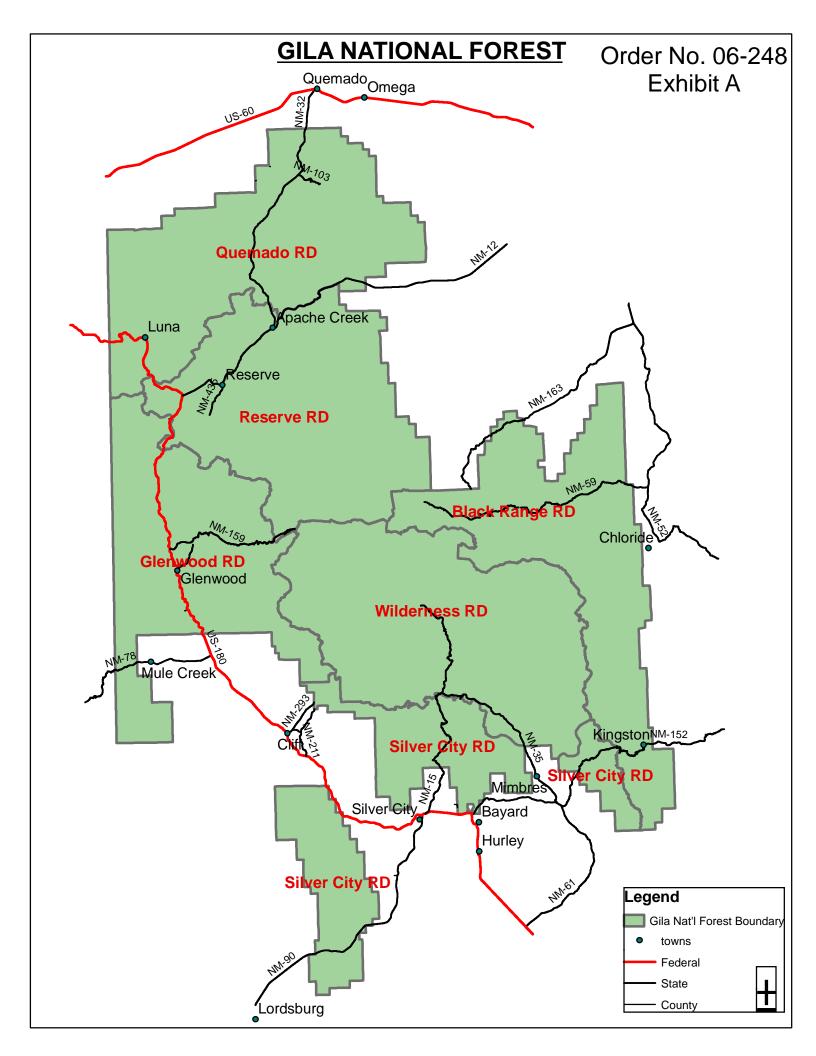
This Order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Friday, May 12, 2006, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2006, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 10th day of May 2006.

MARCIA R. ANDRE

Forest Supervisor Gila National Forest

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.



Black Range Ranger District (505) 894-6677

No fires allowed in any campground on this district.

Quemado Ranger District (505) 773-4678

Quemado Lake area:

Juniper Campground Piñon Campground El Caso Campground

Glenwood Ranger District (505) 539-2481

Whitewater Picnic Area (Catwalk)

Bighorn Campground

Cottonwood Campground

Pueblo Park Campground

Reserve Ranger District (505) 533-6231

Willow Creek Campground

Dipping Vat Campground

Ben Lilly Campground

Gilita Campground

South Fork Campground

Apache Creek Campground

Aeroplane Mesa Campground

Wilderness Ranger District (505) 536-2250

Upper Scorpion Campground

Lower Scorpion Campground

Lake Roberts area:

Upper End Campground

Mesa Campground

Lake Roberts Picnic Area

Silver City Ranger District (505) 388-8201

Little Walnut Picnic Area

Cherry Creek Campground

McMillan Campground

Iron Creek Campground

Upper Gallinas Campground

Lower Gallinas Campground

Railroad Canyon Campground